Teachers Put Hair On The Line for Leukaemia

Excitement is building through this week as we prepare for the visit of local Radio station Star104.5FM on Friday. As we have already outlined, we are using the day to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation by promoting the World’s Greatest Shave. There will be a BBQ, Funky Hair spraying, face painting and just straight donations from 6:30am onwards until 9am. The big shave will commence from 8am in the Hall and we now have 6 male teachers who have volunteered to have their heads shaved. Our target is $1000 and children can bring in their donations each morning at school or/and on Friday morning. People can also donate online by following the following link http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/PCPSChalkies

Equilibrium
The young people from the Equilibrium program have started work this week on building our gardens on the slope behind the Kinder rooms. We are creating a space for the children to use whilst providing the opportunity for the young people to gain their Certificate II in Landscaping. This is a win/win and we are very pleased to develop this partnership with Equilibrium.

Technology Upgrades
We are very pleased that our technology upgrades are well under way. We are aiming to provide our students with the very best in learning resources and opportunities. At the P&C next week I will be outlining these new initiatives and describing how learning will be enhanced by the introduction of these new technologies.

Advanced Warning - additional school development day
The new National Curriculum is being phased into NSW Schools over the next few years and much work needs to be done to ensure teachers understand the changes and that current school programs are adapted to reflect the new curriculum. The NSW Government has set a special school development day to assist with this process. Therefore we are giving advanced warning that at the beginning of Term 2 2013 there will be two dedicated Staff Development Days. This means that students will return to school on Wednesday 1st May after the Term 1 holidays.

Selective Schools Test
Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2014 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 1.15pm on Thursday 14 March 2013. Applications were made at the end of 2012.

The test centre for students from our school is:

Gosford High School
Racecourse Rd
GOSFORD NSW 2250

All parents were sent a letter advising them about the test centre their child is required to attend. They were also sent a copy of a test information bulletin. If you’re not sure or have any questions regarding the Selective Schools Test then please contact the school for more information.

Removing head lice and nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.


David Harris
Principal
Life Education
The Life Education van will be visiting the school from 8th to 17th May. This was not advised on the Years 1 & 2 Bulk Payment notice. This information has been added to the Calendar on the front page of the school website.

Medication/Health Conditions
If your child requires regular prescribed medication, a request for support at school needs to be completed in consultation with the Principal. The Principal will determine whether this request can be met.

Please do not send in bottles of cough mixture, Paracetamol, antibiotics or similar as these can be given before and after school. Please do not send your child to school if he/she is sick.

Boys Cricket Trials
Congratulations to Mitchell Wood who was selected to represent the Brisbane Water Zone at the Sydney North Boys Cricket trials on the 25th March.

School Clean –Up Day
The school’s Clean-Up Australia Day event has been rescheduled to this Friday, 8th March. Each stage will be assigned an area of the school to clean in order to make our school environment free of plastics, paper and other litter. Children are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile event and we request that children bring gloves to school on the day.

Steve Rayner

New Environment Mascot
To help celebrate and promote the many environment activities that our school community is involved in, point Clare Primary School is going to have an environment mascot. The mascot will be the friendly brush turkey that shares our school grounds.

We need a name and drawing for our brush turkey, so we are running two competitions at school for interested students. Kindergarten, year 1 and Year 2 students can name the Brush Turkey. Students from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can draw the Brush Turkey. Entry forms and a green entry form box are in the school office. Please place completed forms in the green entry form box by Friday 15th March.

Miss Hasler

Environmental Fundraiser

Roll up! Roll up!
5/6 MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER
One night only!!!!

Thursday, 7th March - $5.00 entry at door
Snuggle up and enjoy the luxury of an exciting movie in our own school hall!

“Madagascar 3” Europe’s Most Wanted

Wear your PJs, or dress up as an animal character, slip on some slippers and we’ll provide the snacks!

K-2: 5.00 - 6.45pm
3-6: 6.45 - 8.30pm

A BBQ will be available for children (and adults) to purchase sausage sandwiches from 6.00 – 7.00pm
(an additional cost of $3.00 per sandwich)

Voluntary School Contributions
Contributions for 2013 have been set and remain the same as 2012. There has not been an increase since 2010. This year they are: $35 per student or $50 per family for two or more children.
School contributions are voluntary and payment is a matter for decision by parents. They help provide additional educational resources for the benefit of students. In 2012, voluntary contributions assisted the school in purchasing new readers for students for example.

Please find enclosed voluntary contribution of $ _______

Ingrid Hasler - Environmental Education Coordinator

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Bulk Payments will be accepted after the advised due date of Thursday 14th March due to the late notice given.
Harmony Raffle

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW TO BE IN THE DRAW TO WIN:

1st Prize: ACER ICONIA Android Tablet
2nd Prize: Wacom Bamboo Creative Pen & Touch Drawing Pad!

Ticket Cost: $2 each or 3 for $5.

The money raised from this raffle will be used to complete our Reconciliation Bush Tucker Sensory Garden. Through Harmony Day lessons this year we are encouraging all students to appreciate and care for their natural school environment.

The raffle will be drawn during our Multicultural All Day Program on Friday, 22nd March.

Ticket books are being sent home with the eldest child in each family. Please return all sold tickets and money in an envelope to your child’s class teacher before this date.

Miss Hasler

Community News...

Car Boot Sale Narara

Narara Valley Baptist Church is hosting a community Car Boot Sale on Saturday 16th March from 8.00 am – 1.00 pm.

Spaces are still available, contact Fiona 4328 4369. Or come along to 127 Narara Valley Drive to find some bargains.

Patonga Beach Easter Fete

Easter Saturday 30th March 2013 between 9am – 1pm

Patonga Progress Hall, Cnr Bay & Brisk Streets, Patonga

Stall holder and general enquiries phone Judy on 0418993417.

Warehouse Book Sale

40 to 90% off

Wed 6, Thurs 7 March
9am to 5:30pm
& Fri 8 March
9am to 1pm

Scholastic Warehouse
Gate 3, Building 2
76 - 80 Railway Crescent, Lisarow

St John's Ladies' Craft and Fellowship Group invites you to come along and join us.

When: The 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month 9:30 - 11:30am
Where: St John's Church Hall, Takarri Avenues behind Point Clare Public School

Aims: To Promote friendship, fellowship and share, explore and enjoy a variety of craft activities (no experience necessary)

Cost: $4 per session (includes morning tea)

Contact: Roslyn 45426488, Margaret 4540785
Julie 0447157308